

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231



Atty. Dkt. 3696-43

Date: November 17, 2000

JC853 U.S. PTO
09/11/14824
11/17/00

11/17/00

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

POWER LAWN MOWER INCLUDING SHORTENED CONTROL ARMS FOR USE IN DECK LIFT SYSTEM
without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

An abstract together with
38 pages of specification and claims including
14 numbered claims and also attached is/are
26 sheets of accompanying drawings.

This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.	Country	Filing Date
-----------------	---------	-------------

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date
-----------------	-------------

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.

This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/412,589, filed October 5, 1999.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No., filed, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached.

1.	Inventor:	James (first)	D. MI	VELKE (last)	U.S. (citizenship)
	Residence: (city)	Germantown		(state/country)	Maryland
	Mailing Address:	21220 Seneca Crossing Drive, Germantown, Maryland			
	(Zip Code)	20876			
2.	Inventor:	William (first)	R. MI	WRIGHT (last)	U.S. (citizenship)
	Residence: (city)	Clarksburg		(state/country)	Maryland
	Mailing Address:	24711 Old Hundred Road, P.O. Box 429, Clarksburg, Maryland			
	(Zip Code)	20871			

See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!!

Address all future communications to NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C., 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22201.

1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor
Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714

Telephone: (703) 816-4000

Facsimile: (703) 816-4100

JAR:caj

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By Atty: Joseph A. Rhoa, Reg. No. 37,515

Signature: